



New Horizon Emmaus Community

2014 New Horizon Walk Dates

July 10-13	Women's Walk #58	Val Davis, LD and Guy Walker, SD
August 14-17	Men's Walk #41	Glen Lust, LD
October 9-12	Women's Walk #59	Angie Carver, LD

July Community Meeting
Thursday, July 17th
Board Meeting - 5:30pm
Sponsorship Training - 6:00pm
Community - 7:00pm

EVERYONE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME, AND
A NURSERY IS PROVIDED.

Community will meet at
FUMC/Amherst

ATTENTION:

Hart, Amherst & Anton will host this month's community which is at FUMC/Amherst. This means that that these cities' churches will serve for this gathering!

New Horizon Emmaus Community Board of Directors

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Clergy</u>
Marion Rushing	Donna Neinast	Tim Lenning	Tom Carter
Roger Lindsey	Tommy Stansell	Steve Melton	Gary Eggart
Laura Kelley	Teresa Waters	Melody Turner	Janet Edwards
Kimberly Brantley		Colleen Wilson	Barbara Spencer

Community Lay Director – Larry Sawyer
Community Spiritual Director – Ted Wilson
Past Community Lay Director – Lee Ann Edwards
Past Community Spiritual Director - Tracy Spencer
Treasurer - Teresa Waters



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SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Dear Community,

We know that, for many of us, it has been a long time since we attended a Sponsorship Training. We thought that some information might be a good idea and will, hopefully, remind everyone of the importance of sponsoring pilgrims and doing so in a way that ensures that those pilgrims will get all that God has in store for them during their Walk experience.

According to the dictionary, a sponsor is one who takes responsibility for another. SponsorSHIP is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person God has laid on your heart. It requires a lot of PRAYING. God should decide whom we should sponsor and when. We simply need to remain attentive to God's leading and patiently wait for His answer.

GOOD SPONSORSHIP is vital to the Emmaus Movement, and it is the most important job in Emmaus.

After prayerful confirmation, the sponsor has two considerations to make: whom to sponsor and whom NOT to sponsor.

Unwise Sponsorship

Those persons who would find The Walk to Emmaus a discomforting experience should not be pressed to attend.

Those persons who cannot arrive on time or must leave early should be sponsored at another time. This diminishes the overall experience and may prevent the Pilgrim from experiencing all that God has for them.

The primary purpose of Emmaus is to build up church leadership. Please keep that in mind when considering sponsoring persons who are not a member of a church.

Sponsorship should be a prayerful decision and not based on numbers or other individuals that may or may not be also on the walk.

Wise Sponsorship

Initially, consider sponsoring those persons who are committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, those who want to grow and increase their knowledge and understanding of God and his will.

Church leaders (pastors and laypersons), those serving on committees, outreach programs, anyone participating in the ministries of the church.

Couples: Try to get them to go on the same set of walks or back-to-back walks.

Single persons who are active in the church.

Less active members who need their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitments renewed.

Christians who want to grow spiritually.

This article will continue next time with "Responsibilities of the Sponsor".

Blessings,
NHEC Board

If you are presently in a Reunion Group we would love to hear about it and about how this time with your Christian brothers or sisters is life changing.

Prayer Vigil Coordinator is Colleen Wilson. You may contact her at 806-252-8180 or ctamu02@gmail.com

Please sign up on line at www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml

Name Tags can be ordered by sending \$6.00 along with name and address to Terri Stansell, 1461 Hwy 54, Littlefield, TX 79339.

Newsletter Articles may be sent to Laura Kelley at lauraskell@aol.com.



There are many opportunities to use your God-given gifts and talents to serve in our Community. Here are a few:

Board Member – We will need one additional male member for the Class of 2015 to serve alongside us on the Board.

Website – We need someone to make web updates of community meetings, Walk information, etc.

Newsletter – We are in need of someone to take over the as Editor and Publisher of the Newsletter.

Database Administrator – This person keeps the database up-to-date by adding pilgrims, teams, Walk experience, as necessary.



*Please be in prayer for the upcoming Walks.
Please pray for God's anointing on the team and pilgrims.*



Has God laid someone on your heart to sponsor? Now is the time to talk to them!

For information about the team and pilgrims for the upcoming walks, please visit the **New Horizon Emmaus Community** website at www.newhorizonemmaus.org.

Please don't forget to reserve a time slot on the Prayer Vigils

There are still a lot of slots available!

- Sign up on line at www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml
- Scroll down to "New Horizon Emmaus Community"
- Click on the link to the right with the date of the Walk
- Fill in the information form that pops up
- You will get an email reminder of your time slot

IT'S THAT EASY!!

You will be blessed by participating in the Walk in this very special and important way.

A Note from Our Community Spiritual Director

Part 2 HE WAS THERE ALL THE TIME

The long desired assurance that Anne-Miriam craved was answered by a picture, a picture of Jesus, Cleopas, and his companion on the road to Emmaus. It spoke so emphatically to her. Even after she returned home to Norway, the picture continued to remind her, whispering the great faithfulness of a loving Father. Though she was unaware, this was not the first time a hungry heart had been deeply moved by this painting.

Previously, in another retreat center years before, this same familiar scene had been the focal point in a talk given by the spiritual director. Troy Christian from Farwell, Texas attended that walk. The minister skillfully presented his talk, weaving it around the well-known painting. Warmth enveloped his waiting heart and Troy felt that he personally was in that picture. He was part of the story. Completely captivated he asked later, "Where can I find a picture like that?" He was directed to a Christian bookstore.

He and his wife, Lilly were delighted when they located a loose print. Lilly framed it and hung it on the wall in their home. For two years, the painting continued to speak to them. Joy swelled in their hearts each time they glanced at the painting.

But when the ARK was newly remodeled their hearts stirred within them. They felt compelled to donate the picture to the ARK. This powerful painting had comforted them. Perhaps it would speak peace to others as well. Lovingly they hung the painting over the mantle at the ARK. It was the late nineties, just in time for the first Women's Walk to Emmaus.

Ted and I have just returned from the ARK where we worked a Men's Walk to Emmaus. Another picture now hangs over the mantle. But as I wandered through one of the sitting areas I spotted the beloved picture. There beneath its watchful gaze a group of weary workers had crashed on the sofas and chairs for a brief respite I couldn't help thinking, "These fatigued, faithful brothers of all ages have spread the table with goodies, iced drinks, emptied the trash, made the beds, cleaned the bathrooms as an expression of God's love for these pilgrims. Will they also receive comfort and assurance from Holy Spirit through this painting? Will they join Cleopas and his companion saying, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road and opened the scripture to us?"

My spirit is soothed to know that years before Anne-Miriam arrived in West Texas, Father hung out a banner of love that said, "Welcome My daughter, I've been waiting for you." He was there all the time.

Ted



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